### STATUS REPORT Ethanol Pumps

#### If you voted YES:

- Energy: Ethanol has proved to be a great benefit for the island, reducing the impacts of an oil shortage. Gain 3.
- **Environment:** Pollution levels have improved, but farmland has degraded due to poor farming practices on fuel crop lands. **Lose 1.**
- **Economy:** Long distance shipping across the ocuntry have increased air pollution and the cost of fuel. **Lose 1.**

#### If you voted NO:

- **Energy:** An oil shortage caused long lines at fueling stations. **Lose 3.**
- **Environment:** Pollution levels remain high in some Argyle cities. **Lose 1.**
- Economy: Gas prices went up due to the oil shortage, lose 2.

### STATUS REPORT

Hydrogen Buses

#### If you voted YES:

- Energy: You are able to fuel the Bunk bus fleet without dependence of foreign fuels. Gain 2.
- Environment: Hydrogen from water is a zero emission fuel, the busses will help clean up Bunk's air, gain 2.
- Economy: The bus project has been expensive, but international hydrogen research will benefit from your experiment.

  Lose 2.

#### If you voted NO:

- Energy: Your entire bus fleet continues to rely on foreign fuels, which might decline in the near future. Lose 2.
- Environment: Diesel fumes from the buses ccontinue to pollute the air and cause lung disease, lose 2.
- **Economy:** You saved a lot of money by not investing in hydrogen fleets. **Gain 2.**

### STATUS REPORT Geothermal Heat Pumps

#### If you voted yes:

- Energy: Many households have installed GHPs and taken a major load off of the fossil fuel based energy resources.

  Gain 2.
- **Environment:** Geothermal heat pumps (GHPs) have reduced the use of polluting energy sources. **Gain 3.**
- **Economy:** The GHPs were very expensive, but the should pay themselves off in reduced heating costs in less than 10 years. **Lose 1.**

#### If you voted no:

- **Energy:** The fossil fuel based energy resources on Argyle continues to strain under the burden of high demand. **Lose 2.**
- Environment: Most homes continue to rely on polluting energy sources. Lose 3.
- **Economy**: You saved a lot of money by not investing in GHPs, but continue to pay high heating bills. **Gain 2.**

## STATUS REPORT Passive Solar

#### If you voted YES:

- Energy: You saved energy use in the new city hall. Gain 2.
- Environment: You reduced reliance on polluting energy sources. Gain 2.
- **Economy:** The addition of solar design cost a lot this year, but will eventually save almost half of the building's heating costs in future years. **Lose 1.**

#### If you voted NO:

- Energy: You missed your chance, now you have to increase Argyles electric production to meet the needs of the new building, Lose 2.
- Environment: You continue to rely on polluting energy sources. Lose 2.
- **Economy:** You saved money but the heating bills for the City Hall are higher than they would have been with passive solar design. **gain 1.**

#### STATUS REPORT

#### **Hybrid Electric Vehicles**

#### If you voted YES:

Energy: You have helped Argyle to reduce its gasoline consumption. Gain 2.

Environment: The citizens who have taken advantage of the tax incentive have helped to reduce air emissions from automobiles.

**Economy:** Argyle's tax incentive was costly to the government because so many people purchased hybrid cars.

#### If you voted NO:

Energy: Gas consumption continues to rise. Unless other sources are discovered and tapped, Argyle could face an energy crisis.

Environment: Air pollution levels are becoming unbearable in Argyle's cities. Lose 2.

**Economy:** Oil supplies have gotten low causing price increases. But the government avoided the expense of the hybrid tax incentives. **Gain 1.** 

#### STATUS REPORT

Electric Vehicles (EVs)

#### If you voted YES:

Energy: It took more time than planned to convert to electric vehicles. So, not as much energy was saved as had been hoped. Gain 2.

Environment: Air quality in the cities has improved greatly. Gain 2.

**Economy:** Converting to EVs was expensive and charging them has increased household electricity costs, but saved on gasoline expenses. **Gain 1.** 

#### If you voted NO:

Energy: You saved electricity, but continue to use a lot of gasoline. Lose 2.

**Environment:** Air quality has gotten worse, more people have been hospitalized for lung disease. **Lose 2.** 

**Economy:** You saved money by not purchasing EVs, but gasoline expenses have gone up and the cost of health care to care for people suffering from lung disease is high. **Lose 2.** 

### STATUS REPORT Biodiesel

#### If you voted YES:

Energy: You have chosen a renewable energy source that Argyle can provide at a reasonable cost. Gain 2.

**Environment:** Biodiesel creates much reduced greenhouse gas pollution because it burns much cleaner than petroleum. **Gain 2.** 

**Economy:** Changing the country's municipal fleet and developing the fuel distribution system has been more expensive than planned. A drought added to the problems of growing the plants. **Lose 2.** 

#### If you voted NO:

Energy: There is an unexpected energy emergency: an oil spill in the Wiggly Ocean has decreased the country's supply of diesel fuel.

Lose 2.

Environment: Argyle's air pollution levels continue to increase. The number of asthma and lung disease cases is also rising, causing increased health costs for Argyle. Lose 2.

**Economy:** By not converting Argyle's diesel-powered fleet to biodiesel, you have saved the government a lot of money on fuel storage & distribution systems. **Gain 1.** 

#### STATUS REPORT

#### **Bicycle Library**

#### If you voted YES:

Energy: You saved energy by using people power. Only 300 bikes were used though, because only a few people participated this first year. No net loss or gain.

Environment: You helped reduce traffic jams and vehicle miles traveled (vmt) which results in less air pollution.

Gain 1

Economy: Those that participated drove less, which freed up money for savings and other recreational activities.

Gain 1

#### If you voted NO:

Energy: Car travel is still on the rise, using more gasoline.

No net loss or gain.

**Environment:** A new superhighway will need to be built to reduce traffic jams. It will destroy wildlife habitat. **Lose 1** 

Economy: People are spending more money on gas. Lose 1

#### STATUS REPORT Nuclear Power

#### If you voted YES:

Energy: You created a major energy source. Gain 4.

**Environment:** The nuclear power plant has reduced fossil fuel pollution, improving air quality. However, spent nuclear fuel is a serious threat to the environment. **Lose 3.** 

Economy: Electricity costs are much higher than expected, because we must save for the future costs to pay for disposal of the hazardous nuclear wastes. Lose 4

#### If you voted NO:

Energy: You lost your chance for a major energy source.

Lose 4.

Environment: You have avoided the problem of what to do with the hasardous nuclear wastes, but fossil fuel usage continues to harm air quality. Gain 1.

**Economy:** You saved millions of dollars by not building the nuclear power plant. **Gain 4.** 

## STATUS REPORT Insulation

#### If you voted YES:

Energy: Congratulations! By insulating the homes of Argyle, you saved a lot of energy. Gain 2.

**Environment:** Because people use less energy to heat their homes, there was less pollution from fossil fuels and air quality improved. **Gain 2.** 

**Economy:** Insulating homes was expensive, but the initial cost paid for itself in lower heating bills. **Gain 2.** 

#### If you voted NO:

Energy: Argyle had a very cold winter. You used even more energy to heat your homes than normal. Lose 2.

**Environment:** Increased winter use of fossil fuels caused much pollution; air quality suffered. **Lose 2.** 

**Economy:** The additional use of energy through the winter cost Argylians a lot in added heating bills. **Lose 2.** 

#### ROLF CARD



#### The MAP MAKER will:

- Draw a symbol on the map for each vote that results in a a new energy source.
- report and point out the locations where energy sources were placed at the end of the game.

#### The SCORE KEEPER will:



• Keep track of the energy, environment and economy points, by moving the token up

and down the scales.

 make sure the group does not go bankrupt, have a blackout, and does not destroy the environment beyond repair

### STATUS REPORT Natural Gas Drilling and Pipeline

#### If you voted yes:

Energy: You provided heat for all Argyle residents, but natural gas reserves turned out to be smaller than expected, and will last only 30 years. Gain 3.

**Environment:** Air quality has improved a little, but a lot of land has been altered or damaged by the pipeline, and the fishermen on the Bing Islands have suffered from lower catches due to drilling. **Gain 1.** 

**Economy:** The project was expensive and the gas will not last as long as first expected. **Lose 2.** 

#### If you voted No:

**Energy:** Argyle's **industry** needed this energy resource. Now they have to import fuel from another country. **Lose 3.** 

**Environment:** Argyle's people have chosen to install cleaner renewable fuels instead of drilling for gas, and you preserved important wildlife habitats along the pipeline corridor and in the ocean. **Gain 2.** 

**Economy**: The cost of installing renewable fuel is high in the first few years. **Lose 2.** 

## STATUS REPORT Solar Rooftops

#### If you voted YES:

- Energy: You gained a steady supply of electricity, a renewable resource. Gain 2.
- **Environment:** You reduced use of nonrenewable and polluting energy sources, but pollutant emissions from *manufacturing* photovoltaic panels has increased. **Gain 2.**
- Economy: Installing solar panels was expensive, although it will save money each year it is used. Lose 1.

#### If you voted NO:

- Energy: You missed your chance to invest in an alternative energy source. Lose 2.
- Environment: You continue to rely on polluting energy sources and greenhouse gases are causing climate change. Lose 3.
- **Economy:** You saved a lot of money, but health care rates continue to go up in Tonga as more people suffer from lung ailments. **Gain 1.**

## STATUS REPORT Drilling for Oil

#### If you voted YES:

- Energy: You provided oil and gasoline for almost sixty years. Gain 3.
- Environment: Oil spilled at the well site killed off the Weeping Heron, an endangered species. Lose 5.
- **Economy:** The project cost a lot, but surplus oil has brought needed capital to the island. **No net loss or gain.**

#### If you voted NO:

- Energy: The country you import oil from went to war, resulting in an oil shortage. Lose 3.
- **Environment:** You did not pollute the water with spilled oil and saved the weeping crane and island fisheries. **Gain 3.**
- **Economy:** You saved a lot by not drilling for oil, but the oil shortage has nearly doubled gas prices. **No net loss or gain.**

# STATUS REPORT Hydroelectric Dam

#### If you voted YES:

- Energy: You created a reliable source of electricity production. Gain 3.
- **Environment:** You replaced a polluting fossil fuel plant with clean water power, but you destroyed almost half of the habitat for an endangered species, flooded an historic town, and blocked the passage for fish. **Lose 2.**
- **Economy:** Building the dam cost you a lot, but you created a steady source of electricity that will be around for a long time. **Gain 2.**

#### If you voted NO:

- Energy: You missed a chance to gain a reliable renewable source of electricity. Lose 3.
- **Environment:** You continue to rely on a polluting fossil fuel plant, but you protected an endangered species, an historic town and important fish stocks. **Gain 2.**
- **Economy:** You saved money by not building the dam, but your current electricity source costs more than hydro would have.

Gain 2.

### STATUS REPORT Wind Farm

#### If you voted YES:

- Energy: You created a steady supply of renewable energy. Gain 2.
- Environment: Wind power has helped reduce air pollution. Bird kills were reduced by locating the wind machines out of migrating bird flyways. Gain 2.
- Economy: Your wind farm produces energy fairly cheaply. Gain 2.

#### If you voted NO:

- Energy: You could not supply enough energy for air conditioning this summer and had to reduce power, resulting in brownouts. Lose 2.
- **Environment:** You continue to rely on polluting and greenhouse gas emitting fuels. **Lose 2.**
- **Economy:** You saved construction costs but continued pollution drives up costs of health care. **Gain 1.**